



**MEDIA INVITATION**

**8 November 2013**

**9 artists from different generations of contemporary Turkish art are coming together for the first time on an international platform to meet with art lovers in Brussels. The exhibition entitled “9/90 Republic” will also mark the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Turkish Republic.**

Open to all art lovers, the “9/90 Republic” exhibition is the fourth event of the “Turkey - European Union Intercultural Art Dialogues” organized by “Art and Life”. It brings together 90 works of 9 contemporary Turkish artists, belonging to different generations and practicing different disciplines of art, to reflect the development and the change in Turkish art throughout the years. Hosted by and held under the auspices of Ambassador Selim Yenel, Turkey's Permanent Delegate to the European Union, the exhibition will remain open between 14 November and 14 December 2013, at the Permanent Delegation premises. Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turkish Prime Ministry's Fund for Promotion and TNT Express sponsor the exhibition along with the support provided by the Yunus Emre Cultural Center in Brussels.

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**“9/90 Republic”**  
Curator Beste Gürsu

After the proclamation of the Republic, Atatürk shifted his focus to the shortcomings in the fields of art and culture. As the new Republic celebrated her 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Atatürk initiated intense work to address the issue, leading to significant improvements in the field of plastic arts.

As a result, artists with a desire to better understand the society, and inspired by the Anatolian landscape and its people, began reflecting their impressions in their works. Hence, through art, they contributed to mirroring the changes taking place in Turkish society. An evolution and transformation of Turkish art is witnessed during this period, while the emphasis was on arts' independence.

For the first time, the “9/90 Republic” exhibition, with the participation of 9 contemporary Turkish artists from different generations will be held in Europe's capital, Brussels. Paintings, sculptures, ceramics, photographs and installations will be on display.

Atatürk once said, “*An artist is the member of society who, after long striving and effort, feels the first rays of sun on his face.*”

With this documentary-like project, Turkish artists put their unique styles of art on show to the gaze of art lovers on an international platform.

## **THE “9/90 REPUBLIC” ARTISTS**

**Ayşgöl Şibirođlu** (Painting), **Barış Sarıbař** (Painting), **Cem Sađbil** (Sculpture),  
**Deniz Pireci** (Ceramic), **Ekin Onat von Merhart** (Installation), **Hüseyin Suna** (Sculpture),  
**Payidar Şeyma Beřtay** (Photography), **Kadir Akyol** (Painting), **Setenay Özbek** (Painting)

**Opening:** 14 November 2013 / at 18.30

**Address:** Permanent Delegation of Turkey to the EU, 36-38 Avenue des Arts 1040,  
Brussels / Belgium

**The exhibition can be visited between 14 November- 14 December 2013.**

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